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Retirement Benefits Changes: A Call to Action from UC-AFT President Bob Samuels

On his blog, [Changing Universities](#), Bob Samuels recently posted a call to action in response to proposed changes to retirement benefits for UC workers. The article highlights the ways UC misrepresents pension fund accounting, and offers some essential information about alternative reform measures that could ensure an equitable and secure pension fund for current and future UC workers. [Please read the post here.](#)

October 7th- Nationwide Day of Action for Public Education (Lesson Plans)

Seven months after the historic events of March 4th, and one year after our statewide movement in defense of public education coalesced on September 24, 2009, we've made some progress with the potential reinstatement of higher education funding in the State budget. Yet, major permanent cuts to UC are about to be imposed by the Regents and UCOP through the recommendations of the Post Employment Benefits Task Force, and the Commission on the Future of UC. The issues raised in last year's protests are in fact more critical now with the imminent implementation of policies central to the Regents' privatization agenda. Please use the lesson plans linked below to engage your students on these issues during the week of October 7th.

<http://tinyurl.com/2bu5jm8>

<http://tinyurl.com/2a9hpx2>

November Elections- Will You Vote to Ensure Funding for Public Education?

UC-AFT has endorsed Jerry Brown for Governor, and Yes votes on Proposition 24 and 25. Proposition 24 would repeal corporate tax loopholes worth 1.3 billion dollars that were secretly negotiated into the 2008 and 2009 budgets. Prop. 25 would end the 2/3 majority requirement for passing a state budget. UC-AFT will be asking our members to vote with us on November 2nd. [Click here to read a statement from Axel Borg](#), UC-AFT's V.P. for Legislation, urging active participation by UC-AFT members leading up to November 2nd.

Know Your Rights- Article 17 Layoff- Rehire Rights

Many of our lecturers on continuing appointment have been laid off or reduced in time over the last year. It is important for all lecturers to understand the reemployment rights granted under the Unit 18 MOU so we can help ensure that our colleagues benefit from those rights when funding and courses are restored. Follow this link for a full discussion of rehire rights: <http://ucaft.org/content/re-employment-rights>

AAUP Survey on Contingent Academic Labor

The AAUP and The Coalition on the Academic Workforce are conducting the first nationwide survey of contingent academic jobs. Please complete the survey here: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VNNNRVS>

Membership

If you have not already joined the union, please fill out the attached membership form, or download one from our website. You are represented by UC-AFT, but representation and deductions from your pay do not mean that you are automatically a member. You can mail the completed application to the address on the bottom of the form, or contact your local staff for assistance.

<http://ucaft.org/content/join-uc-aft>

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